# EXHIBIT C

**Proposed Order** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

ORDER PURSUANT TO SECT BANKRUPTCY CODE AUTHO	RIZING THE DEBTORS-IN
	Re: Docket No. [•]
Debtors. 1	(Jointly Administrated)
BIG LOTS, INC., et al.,	Case No. 24-11967 (JKS)
In re:	Chapter 11

POSSESSION TO ASSUME, ASSIGN AND SELL CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY LEASES

(Store Nos. )]

Big Lots, Inc. and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "Debtors"), each of which is a debtor and debtor in possession in the Chapter 11 Cases, for an order pursuant to sections 105, 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, and 6006 and 9014, and Local Rule 6004-1, having received a Notice of Designation of Designated Asset from Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC ("GBRP") in accordance with Section 2.05(b) of the APA<sup>2</sup> and Paragraph 43 of the Sale Order, with respect to those certain unexpired leases of non-residential real properties for the premises identified in Exhibit A hereto (each, a "Lease" and collectively, the "Leases"); and the Debtors having filed and served a Designated 365 Contract Notice (the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective employer identification numbers, are as follows: Great Basin, LLC (6158); Big Lots, Inc. (9097); Big Lots Management, LLC (7948); Consolidated Property Holdings, LLC (0984); Broyhill LLC (7868); Big Lots Stores -PNS, LLC (5262); Big Lots Stores, LLC (6811); BLBO Tenant, LLC (0552); Big Lots Stores - CSR, LLC (6182); CSC Distribution LLC (8785); Closeout Distribution, LLC (0309); Durant DC, LLC (2033); AVDC, LLC (3400); GAFDC LLC (8673); PAFDC LLC (2377); WAFDC, LLC (6163); INFDC, LLC (2820); Big Lots eCommerce LLC (9612); and Big Lots F&S, LLC (3277). The address of the debtors' corporate headquarters is 4900 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43081.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defines shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Court's Order (I) Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement, (II) Authorizing and Approving the Sale of Certain of the Debtors' Assets Free and Clear of All Claims, Liens, Rights, Interests, Encumbrances, and Other Assumed Liabilities and Permitted Encumbrances, (III) Authorizing and Approving the Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and (IV) Granting Related Relief [D.I. 1556] (the "Sale Order").

"Designation Notice") seeking, inter alia, (i) to assume and assign the Leases to [] (or
a designee thereof) (hereinafter, "[]"); and (ii) such additional and related relief as provided
by the Sale Order; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases for the relief
requested herein establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and
good and sufficient cause appearing therefor;
NOW, THEREFORE, the Court hereby finds as follows:
A. After good and sufficient notice of the Designation Notice having been provided in
accordance with the Designation Rights Procedures, and a reasonable opportunity to object or be
heard regarding the proposed assumption and assignment of the Leases has been afforded to the
applicable 365 Counterparties (each, a "Landlord" and collectively, the "Landlords") in
accordance with the Designation Rights Procedures.
B. The assumption, assignment and sale of the Leases to [], pursuant to
Sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates
and their creditors, and is consistent with the terms of the APA and Sale Order, respectively.
C. Pursuant to Sections 365(b)(1)(C), 365(f)(2)(B) and 365(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy
Code, to the extent required under the Sale Order, [] has provided adequate assurance of
future performance under the Lease.
D. The assumption and assignment of the Leases to [] is in compliance with
Section 365(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.
E. The Assumption and Assignment Agreements, dated as of [], 2025 and attached
hereto as $\underline{Exhibit\ B}$ (the "Assignment Agreement"), between and among the Debtors and

[\_\_\_\_\_] was negotiated and entered into in good faith, and from arm's length bargaining

positions. [\_\_\_\_\_] is hereby found to be a good faith purchaser of the Leases and is found to be entitled to the protections of a good faith purchaser under Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

- 1. Pursuant to Sections 105, 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, the applicable Debtor is hereby authorized to assume, sell and assign to [\_\_\_\_] the Leases, pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Order, the APA, the Sale Order, and the Assignment Agreements, all of the terms of which are hereby approved.
- 2. In accordance with Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, effective as of the occurrence of a closing of the assignment of the Leases under the Assignment Agreements (such date being hereinafter defined as the "Closing Date"), the Leases shall be transferred free and clear of any leasehold mortgages, subleases, licenses, holdover rights under applicable bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy law and rules, claims, liens, interests, mechanics liens, bills, any rights under Section 365(h) of the Bankruptcy Code, and other rights and encumbrances.
- 3. Upon the entry of this Order and the occurrence of the Closing Date, [\_\_\_\_] shall be deemed to have assumed and succeeded to the entirety of the Debtors' rights and obligations in and to the Leased which are due and owing from and after the Closing Date and shall have the rights of the tenant thereunder.
- 4. Upon entry of this Order and the occurrence of the Closing Date, [\_\_\_\_] is a good faith purchaser and shall be entitled to the protections of Bankruptcy Code Section 363(m).
- 5. Pursuant to Section 365(b)(l) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent Cure Costs are owed to any of the Landlords, the Cure Costs shall be promptly paid by [\_\_\_\_\_]. Any objection of the Landlords to the assumption or assignment or transfer of the Leases, any Cure Cost, or seeking further adequate assurance of future performance other than that provided in the

Assignment Agreement, to the extent not otherwise resolved by agreement, or by agreement
contemplated to be heard after the date of any hearing to be held in connection with the Designation
Notice, or disposed of by separate order of this Court, is hereby overruled. There shall be no
accelerations, assignment fees, increases, or any other fees charged to GBRP, [], or the
Debtors as a result of the assumption and assignment of the Leases. Upon remittance of the Cure
Costs by [] to the Landlords pursuant to the terms of this Order, the Landlords shall be
barred from asserting any additional cure amounts or other claims with respect to the Leases. For
the avoidance of doubt, the Landlords shall be forever (i) barred from objecting to the applicable
Cure Costs and from asserting any additional cure or other amounts with respect to the Leases, and
the Debtors and [] shall be entitled to rely solely upon the Cure Costs set forth above and
(ii) barred, estopped, and permanently enjoined from asserting or claiming against the Debtors,
GBRP or [], or their respective property that any additional amounts are due or other
defaults exist, that conditions to assignment must be satisfied under the Leases, or that there is any
objection or defense to the assumption or assumption and assignment of the Leases. On and after
the Closing Date, [] shall be responsible for paying (and shall be entitled to receive any
credits for) all amounts outstanding under the Leases due on or after the Closing Date.
6. The proceeds of the Lease sales shall be payable to GBRP in accordance with the

- 6. The proceeds of the Lease sales shall be payable to GBRP in accordance with the APA and Sale Order, respectively.
- 7. All personal property and furniture, fixtures and equipment ("FF&E") remaining in the stores subject to the Leases on or after the Closing Date shall be deemed abandoned pursuant to section 554 of the Bankruptcy Code, as of the Closing Date. [\_\_\_\_] may, in its sole discretion and without further order of this Court, utilize and/or dispose of such property without notice or liability to the Debtors or any consenting third parties and, to the extent applicable, the automatic

stay is modified to allow such disposition; <u>provided</u>, that the Debtors shall not sell or abandon any property that the Debtors know is not owned by the Debtors; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that that the Debtors will either (a) provide for the return of such property to the Headquarters (as defined below) or (b) return such property to the applicable lessor, or other owner of the property; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Debtors are not aware of any other parties with interests in the FF&E; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Debtors may leave in place any property owned by the applicable Landlord at the applicable Store.

- 8. Any party which did not object within the time set forth in the notice thereof is deemed to consent to the Debtors' assumption and assignment of the Leases, and the satisfaction of the requirements of Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. Upon the sale and assignment of the Leases, payment of the Cure Costs and the transfer of the furniture, fixtures and equipment referenced immediately above, as applicable, shall relieve the Debtors from any further liability pursuant to Section 365(k) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- - a. a provision prohibiting [ ]'s intended use of the premises;
  - b. a provision unreasonably prohibiting necessary alterations to the premises or signage required to convert the premises to [\_\_\_\_\_]'s intended use; provided such alterations are deemed necessary by [\_\_\_\_\_] to conform such store to [\_\_\_\_\_]'s typical retail store consistent with the [\_\_\_\_\_]'s intended use of the premises;

c. a provision commonly referred to as a "going dark" or "continuous
operations" provision, providing in substance for a forfeiture of the Lease or an increase in
rent or other penalty by reason of the Debtors' cessation of retail operations before the
assignment, and/or any delay by [] in reestablishing retail operations after the
assignment, to the extent any such provision does not permit [] to "go dark" until
the later of: (i) one hundred twenty (120) days after the Closing Date of the assignment of
the Lease, or such later time, when the particular facts and circumstances of a given store
warrant additional time, which circumstances shall include, without limitation, the age and
condition of the shopping center, the ability to obtain any permits and documents necessary
to complete construction, the location of the premises in the shopping center, the shape of
the premises to be assigned, the demographics of the shopping center's location and the
overall quality of the shopping center and its existing tenants or (ii) the "going dark period"
listed in the applicable Assignment Agreement;
d. a provision conditioning assignment on Landlord consent, or requiring
payment to the Landlord as the price of assignment, or granting Landlord the right to
recapture the leased premises following the assignment;
e. a provision effecting forfeiture or a modification of any of []'s rights
or obligations presently in effect under the Leases upon an assignment by the Debtors of
the Lease;
f. a provision conditioning the Debtors' ability to assign their leasehold rights
upon any terms not otherwise required under the Bankruptcy Code;
g. a provision restricting []'s ability to place reasonable signage on the
premises; provided, that such signage is deemed necessary by [

store to []'s typical retail store consistent with []'s intended use of the
premises;
h. a provision requiring the use of a certain tradename;
i. a provision regarding minimum sales revenues required to be satisfied at the
premises covered by the Lease; and
j. any radius provisions set forth in the Lease to the extent applicable to any
existing [] stores located near the Debtors' premises (but such radius provisions
shall at all times apply to any new stores which might be opened by [] in the area
of Debtors' premises after the Closing Date).
10. Solely with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Order, the Sale Order,
and the Assignment Agreements, none of the Unenforceable Provisions shall apply to [] in
any respect and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no violation by the Debtors or
[] of the Unenforceable Provisions shall constitute an event of default under any of the
Leases.
11. Notwithstanding the provisions of Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d), this
Order shall not be stayed for fourteen (14) days after its entry and shall be effective immediately
upon entry, and the Debtors and [] are authorized to close the sale of the Leases set forth
in the Assignment Agreements immediately upon entry of this Order. Time is of the essence in
closing the Lease sale transactions referenced herein, and the Debtors and [] intend to close
the Lease sale transactions as soon as practicable. This Order is a final order and the period in
which an appeal must be filed shall commence upon the entry of this Order.
12. Upon entry of this Order, this Order and the findings hereunder shall be binding

upon all parties to the Leases and the Assignment Agreements.

- 13. Upon the entry of this Order and the occurrence of the Closing Date, the Landlords shall accept and honor the assignment of the Leases to [\_\_\_\_\_].
- 14. The Landlords shall cooperate and expeditiously execute and deliver, within ten (10) days of any reasonable requests of [\_\_\_\_] and at no cost to the Landlords, any instruments, applications, consents or other documents which may be required by any public or quasi-public authority or other party or entity, for the purpose of obtaining any permits, approvals or other necessary documents required for the alteration, opening and operating of the properties as contemplated under the Assignment Agreements.
- 15. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order, the Assignment Agreements or any side letters, none of the Debtors' insurance policies (and/or any agreements related thereto between any of the Debtors, on the one hand, and the applicable insurer(s) and/or third-party administrators, on the other hand) shall be abandoned, sold, assigned, or otherwise transferred without the express prior written consent of the [\_\_\_\_\_] and applicable insurer and/or third-party administrator.
- 16. This Court shall retain jurisdiction (i) to construe and determine any disputes under this Order, (ii) to enforce and implement the terms and provisions of the Assignment Agreements, all amendments thereto, any waivers and consents thereunder, and of each of the agreements executed in connection therewith, and (iii) to resolve any disputes arising under or related to the Lease sales (but all Landlord/tenant disputes arising after the Closing Date which do not involve the Lease sales, this Order or the Debtors shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court).
- 17. The Debtors and [\_\_\_\_\_] are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents, and to do all things reasonably necessary, to effectuate the purposes of this

Order, to transfer the Debtors' interests in and to the Leases, in accordance with the terms of the
Assignment Agreements, and to carry out the terms and conditions of the Assignment Agreements.
18. [] is not a successor in interest to the Debtors (other than with respect to the
Debtors' rights and obligations under the Leases first accruing after [] takes assignment
thereunder as provided for under the Assignment Agreements), or their bankruptcy estates as a
result of [] taking title or possession of the Leases and the subject premises, and []
is not assuming any liabilities or obligations of the Debtors or their bankruptcy estates, except as
may be specifically provided for in the Assignment Agreements.
19. This Order shall be effective and enforceable after its entry as provided by
Bankruptcy Rule 7062.
20. Any remaining objections to the assignment of the Leases that have not been
withdrawn, waived, adjourned, or settled, and all reservations of rights included in such objections,
are overruled in all respects and denied.
21. Any provision in the Leases regarding percentage rent to the extent of Debtors'
sales prior to the Closing Date shall not be imputed against [], provided that [] shall
be liable for percentage rent for the prorated portion of calendar year 2025 remaining after the
Closing Date for a partial calendar year as if the term began on the Closing Date (and []
shall not be liable to pay any percentage rent based upon sales that occurred prior to the Closing
Date) and no percentage rent is due and owing by [] for the period prior to the Closing
Date.
22. To the extent there is any inconsistency between the terms of this Order and the
terms of the Assignment Agreements (including all ancillary documents executed in connection
therewith), the terms of this Order shall govern.

- 23. To the extent that [\_\_\_\_\_] and any of the Landlords enter into a side letter with respect to one or more Leases, such side letter shall govern with respect to rights and obligations of [\_\_\_\_] and the applicable Landlord. For the avoidance of doubt, no side letter shall modify the rights and obligations of any third party without such third party's consent.
- 24. The failure to specifically include any particular provision of the Assignment Agreements or other related documents in this Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provision, it being the intent of this Court that the Assignment Agreements and all other related documents be authorized and approved in their entirety pursuant to this Order.
- 25. The Assignment Agreements and any related agreements, documents, or other instruments may be modified, amended, or supplemented by the parties thereto and in accordance with the terms thereof, without further order of this Court, provided that any such modification, amendment, or supplement is consistent with this Order and does not have any adverse effect on the Debtors' estates; provided, further, that the Debtors shall provide any such modification, amendment, or supplement to the applicable Landlords and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases no less than one (1) day prior to execution of such modification, amendment, or supplement; provided, further, that after the occurrence of the Closing Date, the final versions of the Assignment Agreements any related agreements, documents or other instruments (as modified, amended or supplemented) shall be filed with the Court.

# EXHIBIT A

Store Number	Address	Base Rent PSF	Lease Expiration Date	Options	Purchaser Entity

# EXHIBIT B

# **Assumption & Assignment Agreements**

(see attached)

#### ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT

This ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT (the "<u>Agreement</u>") is made as of this 28th day of March, 2025 by and between GAFDC LLC ("<u>Assignor</u>") and Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC ("<u>Assignee</u>" and together with Assignor, the "<u>Parties</u>" and each, a "<u>Party</u>").

#### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Assignor, along with its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession, has filed a voluntary petition for relief pursuant to chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq. (as amended, the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>"), jointly administered under case *In re Big Lots, Inc.*, Case No. 24-11967 (Bankr. D. Del. 2024) (the "Chapter 11 Cases");

WHEREAS, Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC ("GBRP"), as buyer, and Big Lots, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries, as seller ("Seller"), are parties to that certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of January 3, 2025 (the "Purchase Agreement"), pursuant to which Buyer agreed to acquire certain assets, including designation rights with respect to executory contracts and unexpired leases;

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2025, the Court entered an order approving the transactions contemplated under the Purchase Agreement [Docket No. 1556] (the "Sale Order");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.05(b) of that certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of January 3, 2025 by and between Assignor and GBRP, GBRP has the right to designate certain contracts or leases for assumption and assignment to itself or its designee(s);

WHEREAS, Assignor has agreed to assign and Assignee has agreed to assume the real property lease listed on the attached <u>Schedule A</u> (referred to as the "<u>Lease</u>") with respect to the premises set forth on <u>Schedule A</u> (the "<u>Premises</u>") pursuant to the terms of the Sale Order, subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Cases (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court Approval</u>").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable considertation, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

### **AGREEMENT**

- 1. <u>Assignment and Assumption</u>. Upon receipt of Bankruptcy Court Approval:
- (a) Assignor hereby sells, transfers, conveys, assigns and sets over to Assignee, its successors and assigns, all of Assignor's right, title, and interest in and to the Lease.
- (b) Assignee hereby assumes and undertakes to pay, perform, and discharge all of Assignor's obligations and duties with respect to the Lease.
- 2. <u>Assumption of Liabilities</u>. In addition to assuming all remaining obligations that exist with respect to the Lease, including, but not limited to, accrued but unbilled adjustments for

common area maintenance, real estate taxes, and insurance, Assignee shall assume and cure all outstanding liabilities with respect to the Lease.

- 3. <u>No Further Liability of Assignor</u>. From and after the date hereof, Assignor shall have no further obligations and duties with respect to the Lease.
- 4. <u>Further Assurances</u>. At any time and from time to time after the date hereof, at the request of Assignee, and without further consideration, Assignor shall execute and deliver such other instruments of sale, transfer, conveyance, assignment, and confirmation or consents and take such other action as Assignee may reasonably request as necessary or desirable in order to more effectively transfer, convey, and assign to Assignee Assignor's rights to the Lease.
- 5. "As Is Where Is" Transaction. Assignee hereby acknowledges and agrees that Assignor makes no representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied, with respect to any matter relating to the Lease. Without limiting the foregoing, Assignor hereby disclaims any warranty (express or implied) of merchantability or fitness for any premises subject to the Lease. Assignee further acknowledges that Assignee has conducted an independent inspection and investigation of the physical condition of premises subject to the Lease and all such other matters relating to or affecting the Lease as Assignee deemed necessary or appropriate and that in proceeding with its acquisition of the Lease, Assignee is doing so based upon such independent inspections and investigations. Accordingly, Assignee will accept the Lease "AS IS" and "WHERE IS."
- 6. <u>Compliance With Law</u>. Assignee hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws. Assignee agrees to indemnify and hold Assignor harmless for any violation or alleged violation of this section.
- 7. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to conflicts of laws principles that would require the application of the law of another jurisdiction.
- 8. <u>Jurisdiction</u>. The Parties consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of, and entry of final orders and judgments by, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware with respect to all matters arising under or relating to this Agreement. The Parties hereby irrevocably waive any objection on the grounds of venue, forum non conveniens, or any similar grounds and irrevocably consent to service of process by mail or in any other manner permitted by applicable law. The Parties further hereby waive any right to a trial by jury with respect to any lawsuit or judicial proceeding arising or relating to this Agreement.
- 9. <u>No Reliance</u>. Each Party represents and warrants that in entering into this Agreement it is relying on its own judgment, belief and knowledge and, as applicable, on that of any attorney it has retained to represent it in this matter.
- 10. <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement is expressly intended to confer rights and benefits upon GBRP, and GBRP shall have the right to enforce the provisions of this Agreement.

- 11. <u>Construction</u>. This Agreement has been drafted through a cooperative effort of both Parties, and neither Party shall be considered the drafter of this Agreement so as to give rise to any presumption of convention regarding construction of this document. All terms of this Agreement were negotiated in good faith and at arm's-length, and this Agreement was prepared and executed without fraud, duress, undue influence, or coercion of any kind exerted by any of the Parties upon the other. The execution and delivery of this Agreement is the free and voluntary act of the Parties.
- 12. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed electronically and delivered in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. All such counterparts, when so executed, shall be deemed to constitute one final agreement as if one document had been signed by all Parties to this Agreement. Each such counterpart, upon execution and delivery of all counterparts, shall be deemed a complete and original of this Agreement. The Parties hereby each agree that its authorized signatories may receive and review this Agreement via electronic record and may sign this Agreement via electronic digital signature (i.e., DocuSign or similar electronic signature technology), and the Parties may rely on such electronic digital signatures as if they are original signatures by each Party or duly authorized representatives of each Party, and delivery of an executed copy of this Agreement by facsimile or by other electronic means (.pdf) shall be legal and binding and shall have the same full force and effect as if an original executed copy of this Agreement had been delivered. No Party may raise the use of an image transmission device or method or the fact that any signature was transmitted as an image as a defense to the enforcement of such document.

[Signature Pages Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the foregoing Agreement is dated effective as of the date and year first written above.

## **GAFDC LLC**

Signed by:

By: Joshua H. Nanberg

Name: Joshua H. Nanberg

Title: Vice President, Real Estate

## GORDON BROTHERS RETAIL PARTNERS, LLC

By. Richard Edwards

Name: Richard Edwards
Title: Head of NA Retail

# Schedule A

# Leases

Store Number	Address	
925	165 Greenwood Industrial Pkwy, Building 500 McDonough, GA 30253	

#### ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT

This ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT (the "<u>Agreement</u>") is made as of this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 by and between Big Lots Stores, LLC and Big Lots Stores – PNS, LLC (collectively, "<u>Assignor</u>") and Tractor Supply Company, a Delaware Corporation, or its designees ("<u>Assignee</u>" and together with Assignor, the "<u>Parties</u>" and each, a "<u>Party</u>").

## **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Assignor, along with its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession, has filed a voluntary petition for relief pursuant to chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq. (as amended, the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>"), jointly administered under case *In re Big Lots, Inc.*, Case No. 24-11967 (Bankr. D. Del. 2024) (the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>");

WHEREAS, Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC ("GBRP"), as buyer, and Big Lots, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries, as seller ("Seller"), are parties to that certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of January 3, 2025 (the "Purchase Agreement"), pursuant to which Buyer agreed to acquire certain assets, including designation rights with respect to executory contracts and unexpired leases;

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2025, the Court entered an order approving the transactions contemplated under the Purchase Agreement [Docket No. 1556] (the "Sale Order");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.05(b) of that certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of January 3, 2025, by and between Assignor and GBRP, GBRP has the right to designate certain contracts or leases for assumption and assignment to itself or its designee(s);

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Designated Buyer Agreement dated March 14, 2025 (the "<u>Designation Agreement</u>"), GBRP agreed to designate Assignee as the Designated Buyer of the real property lease(s) listed on the attached <u>Schedule A</u> (referred to as the "<u>Lease(s)</u>") with respect to the premises set forth on <u>Schedule A</u> (the "<u>Premises</u>");

WHEREAS, consistent with the terms of the Designation Agreement, Assignor has agreed to assign, and Assignee has agreed to assume the Lease(s) with respect to the Premises set forth on Schedule A pursuant to the terms of the Sale Order, subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Cases (the "Bankruptcy Court Approval").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

#### **AGREEMENT**

1. <u>Assignment and Assumption</u>. Subject to Assignee's prior payment of the Purchase Price as set forth below, upon the entry by the Bankruptcy Court of the appropriate *Order(s)* Pursuant to Sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code Authorizing the Debtors-In-Possession to Assume, Assign and Sell, Certain Non-Residential Real Property Lease(s) (the "Assumption")

## and Assignment Order(s)") (the "Assignment Effective Date"):

- (a) Assignor hereby sells, transfers, conveys, assigns and sets over to Assignee, its successors and assigns, all of Assignor's right, title, and interest in and to the Lease(s).
- (b) Subject to the Assumption and Assignment Order(s), Assignee hereby assumes and undertakes to pay, perform, and discharge all of Assignor's obligations and duties with respect to the Lease(s).
- 2. <u>Payment of Purchase Price</u>. Assignee shall, on the date hereof, deliver the purchase price for the Lease(s) in the amount of \$1.00 (the "<u>Purchase Price</u>"). If the assumption and assignment of the Lease(s) do(es) not occur on or before March 31, 2025, Assignee will additionally reimburse GBRP for all amounts that came due, were required to be paid, and were in fact paid in connection with the Lease(s) on and after March 31, 2025.
- 3. <u>Assumption of Liabilities</u>. Following the Assignment Effective Date, and in addition to assuming all remaining obligations that exist with respect to the Lease(s), Assignee shall assume and cure all outstanding liabilities with respect to the Lease(s).
- 4. <u>No Further Liability of Assignor</u>. From and after the Assignment Effective Date, Assignor shall have no further obligations and duties with respect to the Lease(s).
- 5. <u>Further Assurances</u>. At any time and from time to time after the date hereof, at the request of Assignee, and without further consideration, Assignor shall execute and deliver such other instruments of sale, transfer, conveyance, assignment, and confirmation or consents and take such other action as Assignee may reasonably request as necessary or desirable in order to more effectively transfer, convey, and assign to Assignee Assignor's rights to the Lease(s).
- 6. "As Is Where Is" Transaction. Assignee hereby acknowledges and agrees that Assignor makes no representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied, with respect to any matter relating to the Lease(s). Without limiting the foregoing, Assignor hereby disclaims any warranty (express or implied) of merchantability or fitness for any premises subject to the Lease(s). Assignee further acknowledges that Assignee has conducted an independent inspection and investigation of the physical condition of premises subject to the Lease(s) and all such other matters relating to or affecting the Lease(s) as Assignee deemed necessary or appropriate and that in proceeding with its acquisition of the Lease(s), Assignee is doing so based upon such independent inspections and investigations. Accordingly, Assignee will accept the Lease(s) "AS IS" and "WHERE IS."
- 7. <u>Compliance With Law.</u> Assignee hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws. Assignee agrees to indemnify and hold Assignor harmless for any violation or alleged violation of this section.
- 8. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to conflicts of laws principles that would require the application of the law of another jurisdiction.

- 9. <u>Jurisdiction</u>. The Parties consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of, and entry of final orders and judgments by, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware with respect to all matters arising under or relating to this Agreement. The Parties hereby irrevocably waive any objection on the grounds of venue, forum non conveniens, or any similar grounds and irrevocably consent to service of process by mail or in any other manner permitted by applicable law. The Parties further hereby waive any right to a trial by jury with respect to any lawsuit or judicial proceeding arising or relating to this Agreement.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the foregoing Agreement is dated effective as of the date and year first written above.

## BIG LOTS STORES, LLC BIG LOTS STORES – PNS, LLC

By: Joshua H. Nanberg

Name: Joshua H. Nanberg

Title: Vice President, Real Estate

### TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY

Robert L Rogers ///
Robert L Rogers III (Mar 31, 2025 10:22 CDT)

Robert L. Rogers III
SVP – Real Estate and Construction

# Schedule A

# Leases

Location	Address	City	State	Cure Costs
5190	4233 S FLORIDA AVE	LAKELAND	FL	\$0
518	1520 3 <sup>RD</sup> ST SW	WINTER HAVEN	FL	\$7,408
4666	1350 NE STEPHENS ST STE 50	ROSEBURG	OR	\$0

### **ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT**

This ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT (the "<u>Agreement</u>") is made as of this 31st day of March, 2025 by and between Big Lots Stores, LLC and Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC (together, "<u>Assignor</u>") and O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc. or its designated affiliates reflected on <u>Schedule A</u> hereto ("<u>Assignee</u>" and together with Assignor, the "<u>Parties</u>" and each, a "<u>Party</u>").

### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Assignor, along with its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession, has filed a voluntary petition for relief pursuant to chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq. (as amended, the "Bankruptcy Code"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Bankruptcy Court"), jointly administered under case *In re Big Lots, Inc.*, Case No. 24-11967 (Bankr. D. Del. 2024) (the "Chapter 11 Cases");

WHEREAS, Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC ("GBRP"), as buyer, and Big Lots, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries, as seller ("Seller"), are parties to that certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of January 3, 2025 (the "Purchase Agreement"), pursuant to which Buyer agreed to acquire certain assets, including designation rights with respect to executory contracts and unexpired leases;

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2025, the Court entered an order approving the transactions contemplated under the Purchase Agreement [Docket No. 1556] (the "Sale Order");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.05(b) of that certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of January 3, 2025 by and between Assignor and GBRP, GBRP has the right to designate certain contracts or leases for assumption and assignment to itself or its designee(s);

WHEREAS, Assignor has agreed to assign and Assignee has agreed to assume the real property lease(s) listed on the attached <u>Schedule A</u> (referred to as the "<u>Lease(s)</u>") with respect to the premises set forth on <u>Schedule A</u> (the "<u>Premises</u>") pursuant to the terms of the Sale Order, subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Cases (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court Approval</u>").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

#### **AGREEMENT**

- 1. <u>Assignment and Assumption</u>. Subject to Assignee's prior payment of the Purchase Price as set forth below, on the later of (i) March 17, 2025; and (ii) receipt of Bankruptcy Court Approval:
- (a) Assignor hereby sells, transfers, conveys, assigns and sets over to Assignee, its successors and assigns, all of Assignor's right, title, and interest in and to the Lease(s).
- (b) Assignee hereby assumes and undertakes to pay, perform, and discharge all of Assignor's obligations and duties with respect to the Lease(s) together with all rights under the

Lease terms including any options to extend or renew the term of the Lease.

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- 3. <u>Assumption of Liabilities</u>. Assignee hereby assumes all remaining obligations that exist with respect to the Lease(s), including, but not limited to, accrued but unbilled adjustments for common area maintenance, real estate taxes, and insurance, and shall cure all outstanding liabilities with respect to the Lease(s).
- 4. <u>No Further Liability of Assignor</u>. From and after the date hereof, Assignor shall have no further obligations and duties with respect to the Lease(s).
- 5. <u>Security Deposit.</u> Assignor hereby warrants that either (a) it has paid no security deposit or other similar monetary deposit which is held by Landlord to protect its interests in the event of a default under the Lease; or (b) it hereby authorizes any security deposit previously paid to continue to be held by Landlord under the terms of the Lease (including refundability to Tenant at the end of the Lease term).
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- 8. "As Is Where Is" Transaction. Assignee hereby acknowledges and agrees that Assignor makes no representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied, with respect to any matter relating to the Lease(s). Without limiting the foregoing, Assignor hereby disclaims any warranty (express or implied) of merchantability or fitness for any premises subject to the Lease(s). Assignee further acknowledges that Assignee has conducted an independent inspection and investigation of the physical condition of premises subject to the Lease(s) and all such other matters relating to or affecting the Lease(s) as Assignee deemed necessary or appropriate and that in proceeding with its acquisition of the Lease(s), Assignee is doing so based upon such independent inspections and investigations. Accordingly, Assignee will accept the Lease(s) "AS IS" and "WHERE IS."
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Signed by:

By: Joshua H. Nanberg

Name: Joshua H. พิลัทberg

Title: Vice President, Real Estate

O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: Phi i Hopper

Title: Senior Vice President of Real Estate

# Schedule A

# Leases

Store Number	Address	Purchaser Entity	Purchase Price
4262	7930 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines, FL	O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc.	\$10,000.00
4458	909 Farmington Ave., Farmington, NM	O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc.	\$10,000.00
4623	8960 Tampa Ave., Northridge, CA	O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC	\$10,000.00
5433	630 S. Rangeline Rd., Joplin, MO	O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc.	\$10,000.00